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Bull-Barrow House
Harford County
Kalmia vicinity

UPDATE: The house has no roof and the interior is undoubtedly greatly deteriorated. Access to the house is difficult, through a very muddy cow pasture. The building was not re-surveyed, but was clearly seen from the Archer-Hawkins House (HA-51) nearby.

Janet Davis
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bull- Barrow House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lane that runs from the north side of Thomas Run Road at that stream, near the intersection with Kalmia Road.

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James Barrow

Telephone #: 836-2767

STREET & NUMBER

2626 Thomas Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21028

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 327

Folio #: 436

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This property has neither been lived in nor maintained for at least forty years and has already begun to go through it's death throes. Gaping holes are in the roof, water damage is abundant and a general rot has long since set in.

The dwelling faces towards the west and is composed of three sections. The northernmost one is of original squared and chinked logs and is one bay by one. The logs are covered over on the exterior by bevelled frame. The southern unit is also of bevelled frame and measures three bays by two. These sections are connected by a short stone "breezeway", one bay across. The windows on the breezeway have wooden lintels, and a pair of 2 X 2 attic windows adorn the gable extremes of the house, whose parts are under the same contiguous roof. The two original free-standing sections have finished attics. A low stone foundation is found underneath the southern portion of the building. The windows are all 1 X 1 and are not indigenous to the original house. Opposite doors are stationed on the eastern and western sides of the southern half of the house, and a single entryway is sited on the eastern facade of the log unit. A three-light transom is above the western door of the southern section, and a small cellar bay is positioned on the same unit's southern wall. A single shed dormer faces east and is over the southern part of the house. The roof itself is gable-flank; wood shingles on the southern part and asphalt on the northern wing. A four-bay shed-roof enclosure covers the main entrance on the western side. Two older brick flues are located on the inside ends of the northern and southern extremes. A third, more recent, near the northern end of the principal section of the dwelling.

The Interior

The log section has exposed beams and log walls on the inside, with a large stone and brick fireplace along the northern wall. This hearth is flanked by a closet on the left and a circular stairway on the right. The ceiling is low. The adjacent breezeway has stout stone walls and inset windows. One room in it once served as a pantry. The most detailed area is in the southern section, where the northernmost rooms have single-tier wainscotting. All of these rooms retain the old plaster and high ceilings. Adjacent to the first room is another, with chair rails and two closets beneath the stairway that leads from the thru-hall to the attic. On the other side of the hall is the most ornate room, with ceiling cornices, shoe molding and chair rails. A fireplace is situated along the southern wall and is flanked and topped by two-tier panelling. A closet is to the left and a circular stairway is to the right.

Beyond the house, to the north, are two small barns, constructed of vertical sheathing with gable-front, wood-shingled roofs. One of these has a log frame, joined by mortised joints.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is unique in the fact that it is almost 200 years old and has not been altered very much at all. The penalty for this, however, is the fact that it has not been lived in or maintained for at least forty years. The presence of the house is mentioned as early as 1782, when John Bull willed it to William Bull. The 1783 Tax List shows Francis Bull as owning 130 acres of Ruff's Chance and 21 acres of Howards Harbour. The 1798 Tax List states that William Bull owned a 33 X 18 house with a kitchen, corn-house, meathouse and stable. The house remained in the Bull family until 1908, spanning three centuries. The 1878 Martenet Map lists the owner as being a "Miss Bull", presumably one of the daughters of William Bull who received the land in 1848.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Tax List of 1798
 Harford County Land Records
 Martenet's Map of 1878
 Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Publications,
 Philadelphia.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 168

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located off of the north side of Thomas Run Road, bounded on the western side by Kalmia Road. The Thomas Run flows through the property, north-south.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

September 1, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

267-1212

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

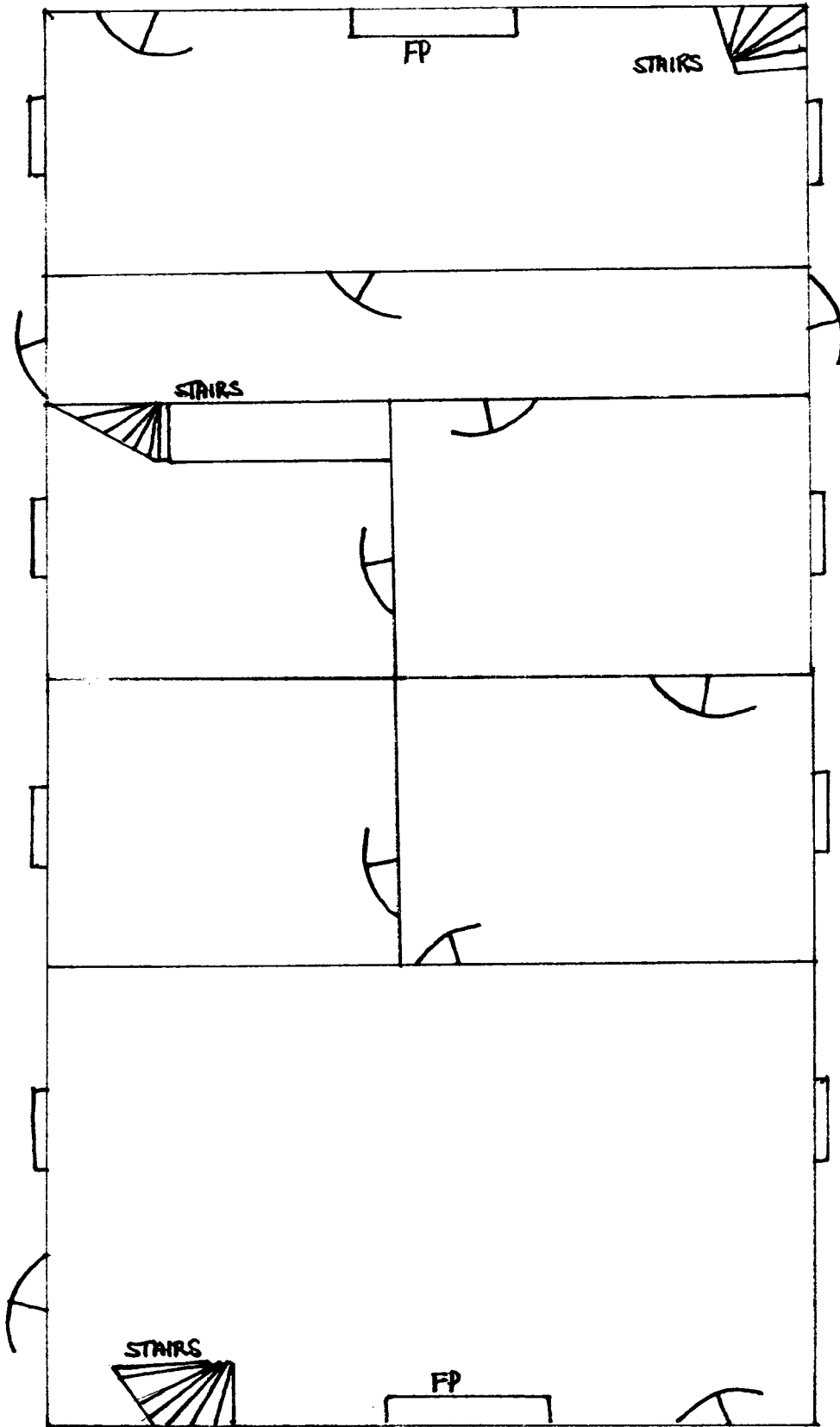
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438



TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>	<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	327 436	In 1949, James T. and Bertie Barrow conveyed 168 acres to James Barrow.
WSF	125 260	In 1908, William H. Harlan and J. Edwin Webster, trustees, imparted the acreage to William Barrow and Bertie Barrow. These trustees were named after alland suit involving John F. Bull and James S. Barrow v.s. Mary M. Bull in 1904 (Equity Record ALJ 28 161).
Will CWB	7 20	William Bull bequeathed parts of tracts called Brotherly Love and Ruff's Chance to his five daughters in 1848.
HD	20 210	In 1837, Catherine Richardson, executor of the will of William Richardson, conveyed the land to William Bull.
HD	7 390	1. Richard Wheeler and others sold a part of this property to William Richardson in 1824. Richard acquired it from his father, Joseph Wheeler.
HD	5 492	2. In 1822, Edward Judd transferred a small plot of Brotherly Care to William Richardson. There is no prior reference to Judd or this plot.
HD	5 494	3. George Wheeler enfeoffed a portion of Brotherly Care to William Richardson in 1822.
HD	3 219	James Wheeler sold 54 1/2 acres of Brotherly Care and Parson's Range to George Wheeler in 1819.
HD	1 402	In 1818, James Wheeler purchased a number of large tracts, including a dwelling, from James Brooke.
HD	V 272	Thomas Jenkins sold the parcel to James Brooke in 1810.
HD	R 132	Thomas Jenkins obtained the property from Thomas Ayres, Sr., in 1810.
HD	Q 398	In 1802, Thomas Ayres obtained the parcels from Robert Amoss, sheriff. Amoss was selling the lands of the late Joseph Wheeler
HD	S 46	4. In 1805, William Bull acquired Ruff's Chance and Howard's Harbor from Henry Ruff.
HD	S 45	Also in that year, William Bull, a tanner, imparted the same property to Henry Ruff.
Will AJ	2 16	In 1782, the will of John Bull left this property, as well as a house, to William Bull.

INVENTORY NO. 50

ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 8/10/76

TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor ^{handily any}

PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: Barrow/Bull House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: off Thomas Run Road at intersection of Kalmia Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: JAMES Barrow

ADDRESS: 2626 Thomas Run Road
836-2767

STORIES: 1[☒] 2[] 3[] 4[] 5[] 6[] BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS: (C) log section thought to be first 1 w/attic story
(A) built some time after 1 1/2

WALL CONSTRUCTION: (B) connecting addition made of stone 1

- [☒] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
- [] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- [] ~~STONE~~: Bond type- ~~rubble~~, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- [] LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[] 2/2[] 6/6[] 9/6[] 9/9[] other[]
pegged[] nailed[] wide[] narrow[]
original[] replaced[]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
HARDWARE: original[] replaced[]
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:
original[] replaced[]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS ^{shed (A)} prob.
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[☒] replaced[☒]
_{A+B C A+B C}

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[☒] hip[] gable[] _{on west side}

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[☒] STONE[] CORBELED[] original[☒] replaced[☒]
LOCATION: A+B (C)

ARCHES:  - cross beams visible

COMMENTS: Root cellar east side
wooden lintle

(D) out door entrance to cellar under (A)



Very, very deteriorated

1) Front Room Closest to Road

chair rails fire place wall - completely paneled

closet on one end winding staircase on other

original hardware (what's left) on door

2) Next Through Hallway - walls panel (planks) & plaster w/
chair rails2 entrances off hall way - to upstairs
to next rm.

3) Next Room Low wain scoting.

Floor caving in shows no cellar

walls - ~~the~~ narrow lath w/ plaster.

low ceilings compared to 1st room + Hallway.

3a room off 3. small, low ceilinged, chair rails.
2 closets

in this section of house windows depth is about 6"

4. small window 3/3 depth 20 in. breeze way

"pantry" - shelves - door, small deep window

brick chimney for wood stove clay pipe in wall shared by #3.

5 log section hand hewn logs

large central room

2 windows

1 door

fire place - brick and stone
plastered over. & there are remnants of blue paint over all
red clay pipe inserted - later use of wood burning stove?
fire place plugged up~~the~~ closet on one side

winding stairs on other

upstairs

(A)

finished Attic - plastered wall, ceiling

(B)

"NONE"

(C)

Attic not finished

INVENTORY NO. 50 ELECTION DISTRICT _____
DATE: 8/10/76 TAX MAP NO. _____
REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor ☒ PARCEL NO. _____
NAME OF PROPERTY: Barrow Bull House
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Kalvin + Thomas Run Rd.
DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West
NAME OF OWNER: James Barrow
ADDRESS: Thomas Run Road

STORIES: 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS: main house connecting stone
bridge, long southern wing

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ☒ FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
- ☐ BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ☐ STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ☒ LOG - southern wing, frame correct

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS None

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK wood bunkhouse bridge wing 2x2. attic like over the end of main house

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1 ☒ 2/2 ☐ 6/6 ☐ 9/6 ☐ 9/9 ☐ other ☐
pegged ☐ nailed ☐ wide ☐ narrow ☐
original ☐ replaced ☐

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: see sketch transom over western door
HARDWARE: original ☐ replaced ☐
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Box
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: original ☐ replaced ☒

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt ☒ original ☐ replaced ☐
shed - west slope of main house

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed ☒ hip ☐ gable ☐ along on western side

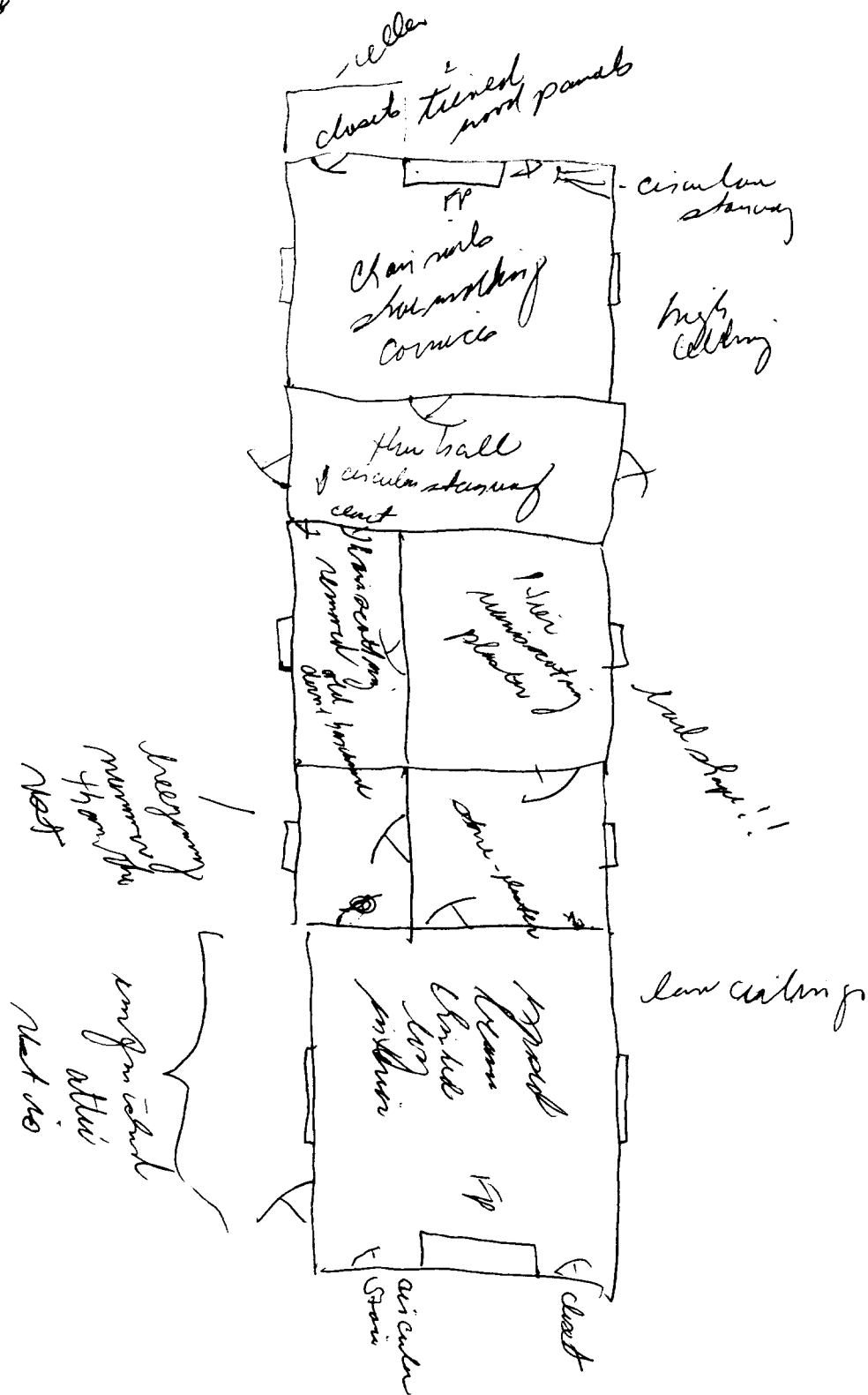
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK ☒ STONE ☐ CORBELED ☐ original ☐ replaced ☐
LOCATION: made ends exposed at S ends

ARCHES: also, 1 outside end but 1 north end of main house, recent

COMMENTS: root cellar nearby
cellar entryway on S. end of main house
How other made out building nearby

Trunks
Vertical siding over
log in one case ~~the~~ instead joints
other is regular siding
wood shingle roof

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Barrow-Bull House HA-50
Churchville, MD
Paul Penrod 8/76
West